

- 2) Providing increased opportunities for families to spend time together outdoors (hunting).
- 3) Potential for conflicts between user groups (hunters and other users) on Sunday. A perceived decrease in recreational opportunities for non-hunters and a decrease in non-hunting use of public lands.
- 4) Concern about safety among other recreationists as well as hunters (more accidents?).
- 5) Potential impacts to hunter success/satisfaction (and hence participation) as a result of continuous hunting pressure and resulting animal behavior changes.
- 6) Concern that hunting on Sunday would restrict opportunities for horseback riding and decrease use of lands by equestrians (and bike riders, hikers, etc.).
- 7) Potential for conflicts related to still hunting versus dog hunting (deer and bear). Perception that the ban on hunting on Sunday allows a “break in the action” from running dogs for communities, landowners, other recreationists.
- 8) Concern that hunting on Sunday may cause/increase conflicts between resident and non-resident (local and non-local, state and out-of-state) hunters due to an increased willingness to travel farther.
- 9) Possibility for hunting on Sunday to cause a decrease in Sunday fishing.
- 10) Perceived inequality in hunting opportunities in North Carolina versus other states that allow hunting on Sunday.
- 11) Perception of inequality because other recreational activities can occur 365 days a year, but hunting is limited to a few months.
- 12) Potential conflicts with natural surveys and scientific studies – Sunday as a typical field day.
- 13) Concern that providing more hunting opportunities is not compatible with the urbanization trends.

Economic Issues:

- 14) Hunting on Sunday as a possible opportunity to market and/or increase fee hunting (on preserves and private leases).
- 15) Potential to increase in-state and out-of state license sales (for WRC) and revenue (for NC through merchandise sales and other economic activity). Some participants stated that out-of-state license sales would increase more than in-state license sales. Other participants suggested that hunting on Sunday may cause a decrease in economic activity associated with other recreational groups.
- 16) Potential impacts on number of deer/vehicle collisions (could increase if deer are disturbed more often, could decrease if more deer are harvested).

Religion-based & Traditional Use Issues:

- 17) Potential for a decrease in church attendance (others said church attendance would likely be affected very little because church-goers would hunt before/after church, and non-church-goers would still not attend church).
- 18) Concern about a loss of rest day for hunters and their families.
- 19) Religious conflicts in general (conceptual, physical); Anticipated opposition from religious groups.
- 20) Hunting on Sunday as a way to provide a hunting day for religious groups whose Sabbath is Saturday and currently cannot hunt at all on weekends.